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Attennnnn-tion!

Peter Devlin will take the reins of Fanshawe College from retiring president Howard Rundle next month. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Changing of the guard. Former army commander tapped to lead Fanshawe

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Uh-oh. If you're a student at Fanshawe College, you'd better shape up or ship out, soldier.

It's the college that had a riot last year, and on Tuesday it unveiled its new president: Peter Devlin, former commander of the Canadian army.

The retired lieutenant-general laughed off questions about the St. Patrick's Day violence on Fleming Drive. But it can be hard to avoid talk of military discipline when your top brass has a chest covered in medals from every major international conflict in the past 30 years.

"Anyone who believes my appointment will mean early morning military parades, marching from class-to-class or military-style inspections will be very disappointed," Devlin said with a laugh, as he made a speech at the event that introduced him to 300 students and staff.

Devlin, 53, replaces Howard Rundle, who is retiring after more than 17 years as Fanshawe's president. He said he had to "salute" Rundle "for his powerful vision" over the years.

Devlin assumes his post on Sept. 3, but he was already facing plenty of questions on Tuesday. He agreed there are tough challenges to come, especially with public funding under scrutiny, but insisted Fanshawe can win its battles.

"I'm all about team," he said. "I think what we'll do is keep developing the Fanshawe team."

Asked if there's a link between the college being known for its riot and the appointment of a military commander, he smiled: "Don't read anything into it."

Devlin's return to London keeps a promise to his wife, Judy. They met in the city more than 30 years ago and he has always said they would move back.

He added: "I've always come back here — family ties — but also my regiment has a great museum here, on the base. So there have been a lot of draws back to London."

Meet Peter Devlin

- Began a 35-year career in the army in London, joining the Royal Canadian Regiment.
- Managed an annual budget of $2 billion and led 50,000 regular, reserve and civilian members.
- Service includes commanding troops in war zones of Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

NEWS 1

Tim out on a limb

London Tory supporters want review of Hudak's leadership

Tim Hudak
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Tory Leader Tim Hudak is facing an open revolt within his party.

Hudak heads into a policy convention next month with a potentially embarrassing attempt to dethrone him hanging over his head.

Ten Tories from London submitted a motion Tuesday to the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party asking for the constitution to be amended to allow for a leadership review. Among those who signed is former London-Fanshawe candidate Cheryl Miller, who ran for the Tories in 2011.

The motion, on the heels of the Tories losing four of five byelections on Aug. 1, including London West, could be presented at the party convention in London from Sept 20 to 22.

The party constitution now requires a leadership review only after a leader fails to win a provincial election. In what would be a two-step process, the motion calls for 50 per cent support from the party and caucus in a mail-in secret ballot asking members: "Do you wish to have a leadership election?"

The party's constitutional committee will determine if the motion even goes to convention. If its does, a constitutional change requires two-thirds delegate support, a party spokesman said.

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The London Humane Society pulled this albino python from a city home in December 2012. This process involved one of a number of search warrants, executed every year by the humane society and resulting in the seizure of a wide variety of exotic animals. CONTRIBUTED

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"People don't abandon dogs because they're fearful of them, but they abandon snakes because they are."

Judy Foster, executive director of the London Humane Society

Toothless reptile laws pose a threat: Humane society

Boys' deaths.
Lessons to be learned from New Brunswick, agency director says

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The tragic story from New Brunswick, in which police say a large python escaped and killed two boys, could happen anywhere, says the head of the London Humane Society.

In fact, after raiding a London home last August, Judy Foster knows this better than most. There were 11 snakes in the basement, some of them pythons and boa constrictors, with children living next door.

The longest of the snakes was a full seven feet.

"We wouldn't say it's routine, but it isn't unusual, either," Foster, the humane society's executive director, said about the raid.

She and the agents who work for her have seen some frightful things, including an alligator splashing around in a bathtub some years ago.

Because each Ontario municipality legislates its own animal-control bylaws, each city may have different laws from the one beside it.

In London, it is illegal to own venomous snakes and lizards of any length or type. It's OK, however, to own up to two non-venomous snakes no longer than 24 inches and two lizards no longer than 12 inches each.

But a recent scan of Kijiji.ca in London quickly found a five-foot Colombian boa and a three-foot milk snake, neither of which adheres to that mostly toothless bylaw.

That's the problem, Foster said. There's precious little knowledge of who owns what in this city.

"Since there's no regulations needed to sell them or purchase them or own them, there's really no mechanism in place to track them," she said.

That means there's no way to know how many large snakes are in the city or where they might be.

Many pet stores use a convenient loophole in the law to stock and sell snakes, said humane society agent Chris Chew.

"If you look at pythons and boas at the pet store and you buy them under two feet, it's only a short amount of time before they're longer than that," he said.

"I've had some pet stores tell me they won't sell snakes that get longer than two feet, but you can go into almost any store and find a python on sale."

And what kind of damage could that Colombian boa on Kijiji cause if it escaped?

"Any snake that is a constricting snake that's over three feet in length should be handled by two or more people," Chew said. "They are muscle and anything that can wrap around you can constrict you, and that can cause great damage."

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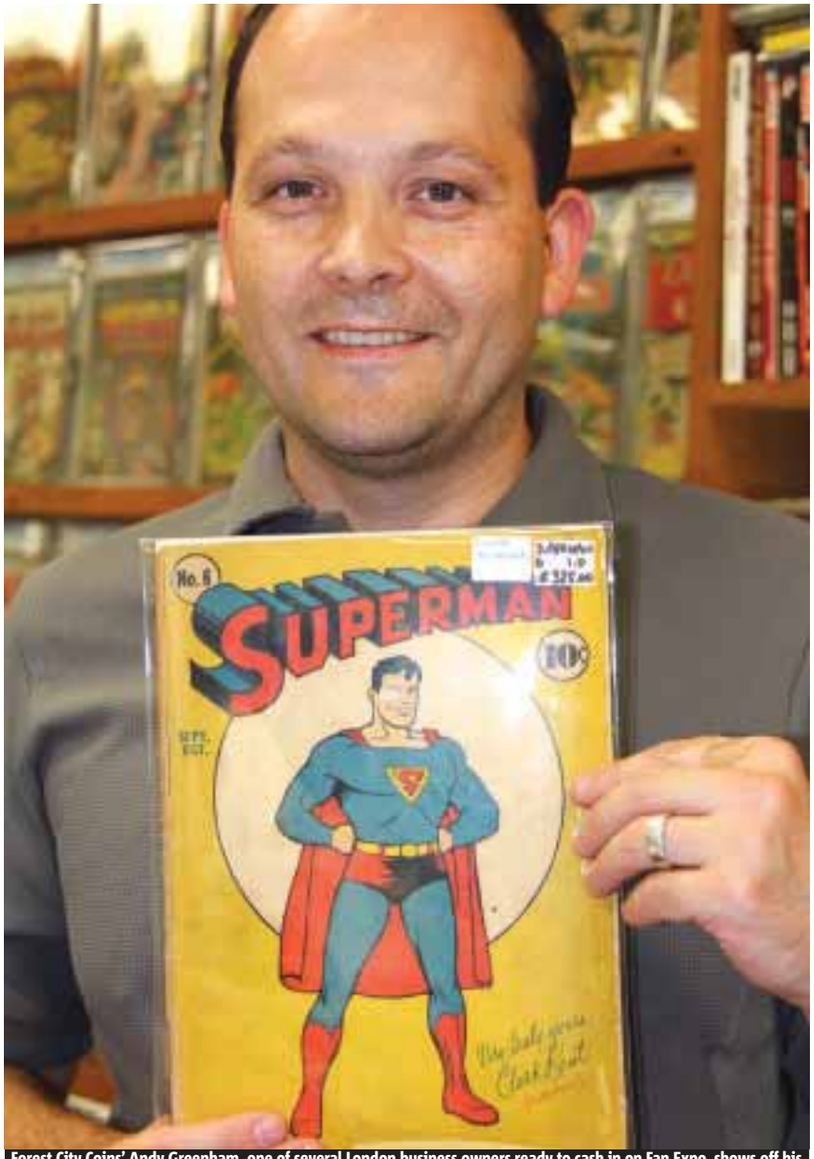

Forest City Coins' Andy Greenham, one of several London business owners ready to cash in on Fan Expo, shows off his copy of Superman No. 1. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Londoners get their geek on

'Canada's Comic-Con.' Forest City exhibitors leading the charge to Fan Expo Canada

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It's the most wonderful time of the year.

No, not Christmas. It's time for Fan Expo Canada, when lovers of comic books and so much more gather to do their geeky thing.

This year, more than 90,000 people are expected to cram into the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from Aug. 22 to 25 for what's billed as "Canada's Comic-Con."

It goes way beyond comic books. It has sports stars, TV and film actors, costume events, video games, anime, TV props — such as the car from Back to the Future — and even speed-dating.

Five London exhibitors will be joining in the fun, including comic-book dealer Andy Greenham, who hopes to bring some big-spending fans back to his store, Forest City Coins (354 Richmond St.).

"Going to Fan Expo for me is about exposure," he said. "It's a great way for me to get known out there.

"Most of the money for collectors is in Toronto. A two-hour drive for a comic-book collector is nothing because you never know what you're going to find."

Also heading to Toronto are anime-style artists Oceantan and Scowling Elf, also known by the names Alison and Erin, and Between Panels, a magazine about comic books.

Taking a stand for the first time will be Mustang Drinkware, which makes cups with sports branding.

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"A two-hour drive for a comic-book collector is nothing because you never know what you're going to find." Comic-book dealer Andy Greenham

Featured guests

Metro's pick of the featured guests at Fan Expo:

- Stan Lee, Marvel Comics
- Carrie Fisher, Star Wars
- David Hasselhoff, Knight Rider and Baywatch
- Linda Hamilton, The Terminator
- Ron Perlman, Hellboy
- Nichelle Nichols, Star Trek
- George Takei, Star Trek

Police lay thousands of charges over long weekend

The civic-holiday long weekend was a time to relax and recharge for most, but for others on the wrong side of OPP highway patrols, the time off proved to be expensive and anything but enjoyable.

From Aug. 2 to 5, the OPP handed 6,052 speeding tickets to drivers on Ontario roads and laid an additional 83 charges for racing. But police reported the lowest number of fatalities — two — for the long weekend in almost 20 years.

Officers were particularly looking for drivers who failed to adhere to Ontario's Move Over law. The law applies to all motorists who are approaching a police, fire or ambulance vehicle stopped on the roadside with its lights flashing.

Drivers in that situation are required to slow down and pass with caution, but if the road has multiple lanes, drivers must move into another lane, if it can be done safely.

During the long weekend, 290 charges of failing to move over were issued to motorists in Ontario.

Meanwhile, 95 people were arrested for impaired driving, while another 91 short-term suspensions were issued for warning-range violations. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

By the numbers

Statistics recorded over the long weekend on OPP-patrolled roads:

- Hours of patrol: 7,174
- Failing to move over for emergency vehicle charges: 290
- Speeding charges: 6,052
- Racing charges: 83
- Distracted-driving charges: 233
- Impaired-driving charges: 95
- Warn-range suspensions: 91
- Seatbelt infractions: 375
- Marine offences: 128
- ATV-related offences: 41

Miracle Treat Day

Buy a Blizzard, help a kid this Thursday

The Children's Miracle Network and Dairy Queen are teaming for Miracle Treat Day on Thursday.

Some proceeds from every Blizzard sold that day will be donated to hospitals across Canada, such as Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre.

Children's Miracle Network raises funds for 170 children's hospitals across the United States and Canada.

For details, visit miracletreatday.com. METRO

Got garlic? Food Bank needs some volunteers to harvest crop from field

The London Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help harvest garlic straight from the field.

During the past few months, the London Food Bank has been growing half an acre of garlic. With the help of many volunteers, the crop has been well cared for and is now ready to be harvested.

On Tuesday, a crew of volunteers harvested about 25 per cent of the crop. The hope is that volunteers can bring the total harvest to 50 per cent or more.

The hours are short and the feeling of helping will last a long time.

Anyone with a couple of hours during the day on Thursday is invited to join in the fun. Feel free to bring a friend or two.

To register, visit eventbrite.ca. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Harvest

25%

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Quebec. Father could face criminal charges after kids go car surfing

After two young girls were seen car surfing, police in Quebec have fined a 29-year-old La Pêche man and submitted his case to the director of criminal prosecutions to see if charges should be laid.

Two girls aged six and seven were seen July 17 and 18 riding on the hood of a car on Du Lac Vert Road in La Pêche, MRC des Collines police said in a news release. Witnesses called police and the force says that as a result of an investigation, charges of criminal negligence and child abandonment could be filed.

The man in question is the father of the six-year-old girl, while the other young girl is his spouse's daughter, police said.

Police said the man was fined $1,264 for allowing a person to be on an outer part of his vehicle.

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Massachusetts

Cardboard cop cuts crime at bike racks

The burly officer watching over the bike racks at a Boston-area transportation hub is a real stiff.

As part of an effort to cut crime at the Alewife MBTA subway and bus station in Cambridge, Mass., transit police placed a cardboard cutout of a police officer in the bicycle cage. Hundreds of people use the racks daily.

Deputy Chief Robert Lenehan says the fake cop, along with video cameras and a new lock, has cut bike thefts by 67 per cent.

It's also a money saver. Lenehan estimates it would cost $200,000 a year to have an officer watch over the cage full-time.

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Lighting a beacon of hope for Hiroshima's darkest hour

A boy releases a paper lantern to the Motoyasu River with the backdrop of the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, Japan, on Tuesday. Japan marked the 68th anniversary Tuesday of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima with a somber ceremony to honour the dead and pledges to seek to eliminate nuclear weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI

Bill. Ugandan lawmakers accused of stifling protests

Uganda's parliament on Tuesday passed a contentious bill that critics say will make it impossible to stage street protests against the country's long-serving president, following months of confrontation between the authorities and activists who had mounted a campaign to have the legislation jettisoned.

The Public Order Management Bill was passed five days after opposition lawmakers staged a fierce attempt to filibuster its passage amid concerns it gives Ugandan police dictatorial powers to decide who can stage a public event of a political nature. On Thursday an opposition lawmaker — in an apparent bid to delay voting on the bill — tore up a roster of lawmakers to vote on the bill as the speaker looked on.

Amnesty International said Monday that the legislation "represents a serious blow to open political debate" in a country that is seeing more and more protests against President Yoweri Museveni, who has held power for nearly three decades.

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Senator steps down over health troubles

A timely departure?

Liberal party insists Zimmer's exit not tied to expense scandal

A Liberal senator who made headlines in 2011 when he married a woman more than four decades his junior is stepping down amid ongoing health concerns.

Rod Zimmer's departure, made known in a letter to the Governor General, was circulated around the Senate on Tuesday, and comes against the backdrop of an ongoing scandal over improper expense claims.

A spokesman for Liberal Sen. Jim Cowan, the leader of the Opposition in the Senate, says Zimmer's resignation is strictly health related and has nothing to do with the ongoing expense review.

His resignation letter was submitted late Friday and took effect immediately, according to a copy of the notice, obtained by The Canadian Press.

Zimmer, 70, has represented Manitoba in the upper chamber since being appointed in 2005 by former prime minister Paul Martin.

A longtime Liberal fundraiser and executive at CanWest Corp. and Manitoba Lotteries, Zimmer has been in and out of hospital several times this year, most recently in May with a respiratory ailment. He also spent nearly three weeks in hospital last spring battling pneumonia.

Sources in the Senate said the timing of the resignation took them by surprise, but it was widely expected that Zimmer would eventually give up his seat because of his continuing poor health.

Prior to being appointed to the Senate, he was diagnosed in 2003 with throat cancer but bounced back.

A spokeswoman for Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says Zimmer notified him ahead of time about his intention to leave.

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Trouble in the skies

The senator's wife, an aspiring actress, was found guilty of causing a disturbance during an Air Canada flight to Saskatoon last year

- Passengers stated Maygan Sensenberger threatened to slit Zimmer's throat but she claimed she was upset because her husband appeared to be having a heart attack.
- Zimmer supported his wife throughout the court proceedings and insisted repeatedly that he never felt threatened by her actions.

Rod Zimmer and his wife, Maygan Sensenberger, appear in this undated Facebook photo. FACEBOOK

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Apparent python strangling leaves city in utter disbelief

Two dead. Family and friends reminisce over brothers, struggle to cope with 'bad dream'

From left, Noah Barthe, Mandy Trecartin and Connor Barthe in an undated photo. RCMP in Campbellton, N.B., said the boys, aged four and six, were found dead Monday morning. FACEBOOK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The deaths of two boys, who police believe were killed by an African rock python while they slept at a friend's apartment, has rattled the northern New Brunswick city of Campbellton, where the children were remembered Tuesday as fun-loving free spirits.

Noah and Connor Barthe, aged four and six, were found dead Monday after the 45-kilogram snake escaped its enclosure in the apartment, slithered through a ventilation system above and fell through a ceiling into the living room where they were sleeping, police said.

Dave Rose, the great uncle of the boys, said Noah was looking forward to starting kindergarten this fall before "this awful tragedy."

Rose said the boys were spending the day with family friend Jean-Claude Savoie, who took them shopping and to a farm before they returned to his apartment.

"They were two typical children; they enjoyed life to a maximum," Rose said.

The Facebook page of the boys' mother, Mandy Trecartin, shows a mom devoted to and proud of her boys.

"My two super handsome boys sporting their Christmas PJ's," Trecartin wrote on a photo of the boys in front of a Christmas tree last year.

"I can't believe this is real," Savoie told Global News on Monday. He said he didn't hear a sound and only discovered the "horrific scene" when he went into his living room that morning. At that point, Savoie said he pinned the snake down and put it in a cage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Autopsy, necropsy

The search for answers continues

The RCMP said the boys were found dead Monday at around 6:30 a.m. in an apartment located above Reptile Ocean, an exotic pet store.

The RCMP said Monday they believe the snake strangled the boys, but Sgt. Alain Tremblay said Tuesday investigators are waiting for the results of an autopsy on the children as well as a necropsy on the snake.

Asked why anyone in the apartment didn't appear to have heard anything, Tremblay said that was still under investigation.

The snake was later captured by Savoie, who also owns Reptile Ocean.

Reptile Ocean in Campbellton, N.B. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It was later put down by a veterinarian and sent for a necropsy to help determine what may have prompted it to attack the boys, Tremblay said.

New Brunswick's Natural Resources Department said a special permit is required for African rock pythons and that the snake's owner didn't have one.

Urban moms at higher risk of postpartum depression: Study

The symptoms of postpartum depression are more intense and last longer than the typical baby blues. ISTOCK

New mothers living in big cities in Canada have a higher risk of postpartum depression than women in less populated areas, a study has found.

Postpartum depression can occur after a woman gives birth and is a serious health risk for both women and their babies. The symptoms are more intense and longer-lasting than the typical baby blues and may interfere with a mother's ability to care for her child.

The study, published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, is based on a 2006 national survey of almost 6,500 new mothers. It found that almost 10 per cent of the women living in cities with a population of at least 500,000 reported experiencing postpartum depression.

That's compared to six per cent of new moms in rural areas, almost seven per cent in semi-rural or small-town areas and about five per cent in semi-urban areas.

"Social support was a major factor," said lead author Dr. Simone Vigod, a psychiatrist at Women's College Hospital in Toronto. "So women in large urban areas were reporting much lower levels of social support than women in all three other groups."

Many large cities also have a higher percentage of immigrants.

"And those women in particular in our study appeared to be at increased risk," explained Vigod, adding that women whose families live elsewhere may not have the same kinds of support.

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Symptoms

Most new mothers experience mood disruptions. But symptoms of postpartum depression go beyond those reactions to include:

- Loss of appetite, insomnia, intense irritability and anger, lack of joy in life, feelings of guilt or inadequacy, difficulty bonding with the baby, and suicidal thoughts.

Rights investigation

Company sorry gay couple allegedly sent to back of bus

The company that runs the shuttle service to the Albuquerque, N.M., airport's rental-car centre is apologizing after a driver allegedly ordered a gay couple to sit in the back of the shuttle bus.

Standard Parking Inc. said it respects the equal rights of all customers and doesn't tolerate discrimination of any kind. It also said the employee was suspended after the company learned in July of the late June incident.

According to a police report, one of the men involved said they'd been holding hands and that the driver ordered them to the back when one of them started to sing.

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'No more pain'

Baby best man dies of leukemia

The mother of a terminally ill two-year-old Pennsylvania boy who served as his parents' best man at their wedding says he has died.

The boy, who had leukemia and other complications, was dressed in a tan pinstripe suit for Saturday's wedding. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christine Swidorsky with her best man Logan Stevenson, 2. ERIC SCHMADEL/TRIBUNE REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate change

Sea, snow and ice simmered in 2012, grand study shows

A massive U.S. study by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the world in 2012 sweltered with signs of climate change. Rising sea levels, snow melt, heat buildup in the oceans as well as melting Arctic sea ice and Greenland ice sheets all broke or nearly broke records.

National Climatic Data Center director Tom Karl says surface temperatures haven't risen in the last 10 years, but he notes that is only a blip in time, subject to natural variability. Since records were first kept in 1880, all 10 of the warmest years ever have been in the past 15 years, NOAA records show. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Smart toilets a stinky idea?

There's an app for even that. Expert says new porcelain throne, which can be controlled remotely, is overflowing with bad and unsafe features

KATHRYN GILBERT
Metro World News

During technology security firm Trustwave's Home Invasion 2.0 presentation, a startling revelation was made: Using a smart toilet isn't all that safe. The remotely controlled Satis toilet can be operated by anyone with the complementary app, meaning it's ripe for mischief-making. Metro spoke to managing consultant Dan Crowley, who discovered the breach, about the toilet, as well as another worrying way in which your home can be hacked.

So, tell us about the toilet.
All that anyone has picked up on is the toilet, and it was actually the least important thing in that talk — I unlocked a door on a stage, and still the media only mentions the toilet.

OK, but let's discuss the toilet for a minute — have you actually heard of anyone hacking it?
It's funny you say that, as I went to this party after the presentation and I met a guy there who was very excited to see me. The toilets at this Vegas hotel were smart ones, and people were stealing all the water from them!

But do you think anyone would actually do any real harm with the hack?
Say a prime minister or president has a smart toilet. It keeps records of your bowel movements, and so people could discover stuff about their health. That's where it could be serious. I don't want to over-blow it, though.

Flush it! The remotely controlled Satis toilet brings technology, and possible privacy concerns, into the loo. METRO WORLD NEWS

Knowing what you now know, would you use a smart toilet?
To be honest, I don't think I would've used it before the presentation, but I'm doubly wary now.

You said the toilet was the least important discovery you made. What was the most important?
I found you could hack into Vera Lite (home-automation system), so you could enter someone's home when they're not around. The first time I contacted Vera Lite to tell them, they didn't respond, just like the toilet company. They're working with me now, though, since all the press attention.

"Say a prime minister or president has a smart toilet. It keeps records of your bowel movements, and so people could discover stuff about their health," says Dan Crowley, managing consultant of technology security firm Trustwave. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Blob of fat, waste discovered in English sewer

This image shows part of a 15-tonne lump of fat and other debris the size of a bus coagulated in a sewer in London, England. THAMES WATER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It may look like an iceberg, but there's nothing cool about it.

Utility company Thames Water in London, England, says it has discovered what it calls the biggest "fatberg" ever recorded in Britain — a 15-tonne blob of congealed fat and baby wipes lodged in a sewer drain.

That's enough "wrongly flushed festering food fat mixed with wet wipes" to fill a double-decker bus such as the famous London Routemaster, the company said.

Thames Water deals with fatbergs all the time, thanks to the widespread use of household oil and food fat. But few reach the mammoth size of the one found under a road in the suburb of Kingston.

But with 108,000 kilometres of sewer pipes to monitor, and fatbergs forming around even a few wipes that catch on to a corner or a wall, Thames Water says it must be constantly vigilant.

This blockage — built up over an estimated six months — was discovered after residents in nearby apartment buildings were unable to flush their toilets.

Examination found that the mound of fat had reduced the 70-centimetre-by-48-centimetre sewer to just five per cent of its normal capacity. It damaged the sewers so badly that it will take six weeks to repair them.

The company said Tuesday that it was sharing news of the massive lard lump in the hope that customers will think twice about what they dump down the drain. It also released video footage of the fatberg, filmed by a remote vehicle gliding through the sewer like an underground amusement-park ride.

The company says untreated fatbergs cause flooding and backups.

"It's very lucky we caught this one," said Craig Rance, a spokesman for Thames Water.

Mind the fat.

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Class war? JetBlue cuts legroom ... in coach only

JetBlue Airways will cut one inch of legroom from its coach seats on transcontinental flights to make room for a new first-class cabin that will feature lie-flat beds.

The New York-based airline unveiled plans Monday for its first premium service on flights between New York and Los Angeles and San Francisco. It's part of a larger effort by the carrier to attract business travellers, who pay more for last-minute flights.

The new seats will debut on Airbus A321 planes in the second quarter of 2014. The planes will have 16 seats in the front cabin and 143 in the back. JetBlue planes currently have 34 inches from one row of coach seats to the next. That will shrink to 33 inches in the new configuration, said spokeswoman Tamara Young.

New slimmer seats, similar to what other airlines are installing, will help with the adjustment.

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Far from perfect

Children's Place sorry for selling sexist T-shirt

The Children's Place has stopped selling a T-shirt that sparked complaints of sexism.

The girls' shirts said "My best subjects" and had checks in boxes next to shopping, music and dancing. The box next to math was blank. Under, it said, "Well, nobody's perfect." The retailer tweeted it was pulling the shirt and apologized.

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Espresso and prostitutes

Accused owner of drive-thru brothels sues cops for cash

A woman accused of using her espresso stands as drive-thru brothels is suing the city of Everett, Wash., to recover $250,000 she says was wrongfully seized.

Carmela Panico owns the Java Juggs and Twin Peaks "bikini baristas." She was arrested in June and accused of promoting prostitution, but she has not been charged. The cash was seized in a search of her home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plugged into competition

GM slashes Volt price as electric-car market gets jolt

General Motors is knocking 13 per cent off the U.S. sticker price of the Chevrolet Volt electric car as it tries to keep pace with rivals in the market for plug-in vehicles.

The automaker said that the 2014 Volt will start at $34,995 in the United States, including shipping — $5,000 less than the current model. The new model is set to reach showrooms soon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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What fun it must be to be a multibillionaire!

You can pretty much buy anything or do anything you want.

Consider Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon.com, net worth $25.2 billion US and the world's 19th-richest person. He just bought the Washington Post, one of America's most respected newspapers, for $250 million US out of his own pocket.

That's not quite as much as the Qatar royal family paid for Paul Cézanne's The Card Players: $259 million for the painting, one of five in a series, immediately making it the highest price ever paid for a work of art. For the rest of us punters, there's one in the Musée d'Orsay in Paris that looks just like it, and it costs only nine euros to get in. Look, but don't touch. If so inclined, the Qatar royal family can smear their Cézanne with ketchup.

Speaking of ketchup, billionaires are not only interested in buying interesting stuff — they also like to make interesting stuff. Just the other day, Sergey Brin, one of the Google billionaires and the world's 21st-richest person, funded the creation of a test-tube hamburger. An ordinary person would hit the drive-thru, but when you're a billionaire you can get them to whip up magic meat in the lab that tastes almost like the real thing, and no animals were harmed in the making of this burger. I wonder how much it would cost to create real bacon from scratch?

When ordinary people plan a surprise birthday party, it's a big deal if they rent a clown. When Lululemon founder Chip Wilson threw a surprise birthday party for his wife over the weekend, he rented the Red Hot Chili Peppers. He's only the world's 490th-richest person, but you can't buy that kind of cool, can you? What am I saying? Of course you can!

Of course, some billionaires prefer to continue to squander their wealth on conventional toys. Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich, the world's 107th-richest person, bought a yacht called the Eclipse for (once it's all outfitted) a rumoured $1.5 billion. Hard to believe, but at 162.5 metres, it's only the world's second-longest privately owned yacht. The longest is the Azzam, rumoured to be owned by powerful Saudi billionaire Al-Waleed bin Talal, the world's 26th-richest person.

Both the Eclipse and the Azzam are monuments to excess (or is that excessive monuments?). The Azzam is longer than a British Type 45 destroyer. The Eclipse has not one but two helicopter pads, carries a mini-sub on board and requires a crew of 70 to operate it.

Not every billionaire is so conspicuously consumptive. Speaking of ketchup (again), Warren Buffett, the world's fourth-richest man, just bought ketchup-maker Heinz for $23.2 billion. Even though Buffett is the richest man in America, he still lives in the same house in Omaha he bought in 1958 for $31,500.

Oh, and thanks to Bezos and his most recent purchase, Buffett's shares in the newspaper's parent company have increased in value 9,000 per cent.

Some multibillionaires just like to collect ... more money.

ZOOM

That steam engine is so crochet

SLAWEK FIJALKOWSKI

Artist crochets entire locomotive

The daily commute would be a cosy prospect if all trains looked like this. Textile artist Olek (a.k.a. Agata Oleksiak) has completed her largest piece ever, a Px48 steam locomotive and carriages covered in crochet. The Polish-born artist worked around the clock for two days in Łódź, Poland, to cover the train in yarn.

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Q and A

It's old and new

OLEK
Artist, 35, born in Poland

What does it represent?

For me, it stands for my home nation of Poland. People here want change and to see new things. But we still have an older generation with an old-fashioned mentality.

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Unlike Facebook, Twitter doesn't require that you register with your real name. The nod to the kind of fluid identity that characterized earlier social networks has given rise to a plethora of parody accounts, ranging from brilliant satire to crude portrayals of Twitter's better-known users. Here are just a few that caught Metro's eye.

@PippaTips
A send-up of Pippa Middleton's much-derided Celebrate party-planning book, this parody account of Kate's lesser-known sister offers helpful advice like "headache tablets can be great in helping deal with a headache." Rumour has it that Pippa is considering legal action to have the account taken down.

@feministtswift
Taylor Swift's troubles with boys have been highly publicized, but this parody account sheds light on the Red singer's struggle against patriarchy, mashing her lyrics together with insights about sexism and social justice. Let's just say it puts the gender in Trouble.

@TOMayorFrod
Politicians have always been ripe targets for satire, and who better to skewer than embattled Toronto Mayor Rob Ford. As Mayor Frod's subtle name change suggests, the account walks a fine line between parody and truth and has more than once been mistaken for the real deal.

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: A town is shocked after a python killed two boys. Should Canada ban exotic pets? Which ones?

@jasminshirazi: I thought there already was a ban on dangerous/exotic pets?! This is so sad, and the lack of a ban is ridiculous.

@EilishMcL: like registered day homes, food and health inspectors; regulate & inspect housed exotic animals regularly & sporadically.

@BatestonBeauty: Unfortunately, you can't ban accidents.

@HulaNova: YES! All of them. They are not domestic creatures and they belong in the wild!

@matdey1980: Canada, land of cats and dogs only! You might want to double check the full list of exotic pets

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Movie review

We're the Millers

Director. Rawson Marshall Thurber

Stars. Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis

Ex-SNLer Jason Sudeikis plays Dave, a low-level drug dealer who agrees to smuggle an RV load of marijuana from Mexico to the United States to settle a debt. To cover his tracks, he recruits a stripper (Jennifer Aniston), a homeless street punk (Emma Roberts) and a neighbour (Will Poulter) to pose as his family. We're the Millers takes a good idea, mixes in some outrageous performances but spoils the promise of the premise with a mawkish last 20 minutes.

RICHARD CROUSE

Movie review

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

Director: Thor Freudenthal

Stars. Logan Lerman, Brandon T. Jackson, Stanley Tucci

Second time out, Percy Jackson is feeling the sophomore slump. He saved the world once, but what if that's all he had in him? But a quest to find the fabled golden fleece and save his fellow demigods at Camp Half-Blood gives Percy a chance to prove his mettle. Director Freudenthal takes the reins from Chris Columbus with mixed results. It doesn't match the mid-level heights of the original, but part two should satisfy established fans. IAN GORMELY

Matt Damon stars in Elysium, which opens in theatres this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Matt's just taking the boot off his neck

Interview. Damon talks about everything from unreal body images to his value system that has him going against his own best interests

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

When Matt Damon saw himself onscreen in Elysium — after months and months of diet and four-hour gym sessions to get him into to sci-fi action hero shape — all he could do was laugh.

"It just looked ridiculous to me," he says. "It's so indulgent, but it's part of the magic trick. I understood why (director Neill Blomkamp) needed me to look like that for that to establish the character. He didn't want any fat on me because he said, 'I want you to look almost Haitian, like you're incredibly fit but you've been working so hard and perhaps you've missed some meals.'"

While it worked for the film, Damon was happy to let the workout regimen lapse.

"It's just not a natural way for somebody to look. These people who look that way are either genetic freaks or they're just living in a gym," he says. "(My wife) was fine with me buff, but she was fine with me (40 pounds overweight) on The Informant! I think she just likes variety."

While he might not find it easy to relate to the look of his character, Max — an ex-con factory worker taking on the rich and powerful on their satellite sanctuary, Elysium, which is orbiting the ravaged slum Earth has become — he can at least understand him emotionally and intellectually.

"He's doing the best he can in a world that's getting increasingly difficult to live in," Damon says. "I think a lot of people can relate to that in this kind of prolonged economic downturn where it feels like the world keeps putting its boot on your neck a little more forcefully every day."

Speaking of the current state of the world, Damon has never been one to shy away from addressing political issues, and Elysium offers him a great chance to talk immigration, one of the major themes in the film.

"Look, it's a nation of immigrants and I'm from a family of immigrants, so yeah, clearly they're going to have to figure that one out," he says.

"But the politicians don't talk about it at all. They just see it as an issue where with the polling on it, they're just confused on which way to go. So the Republicans just send out Marco Rubio to speak Spanish to everybody."

Not to suggest, though, that Damon thinks he has all the answers.

"I don't have a comprehensive immigration plan, no. But I can work on it," he says.

As for relating to the havenots, like his character in the film? "F— them," Damon offers with a laugh.

"No, at least in my case I think the values that I have are consistent with the values I was raised with. I vote against my own self-interests constantly. I campaign against my own self-interests. If you're born with a silver spoon in your mouth, you're probably more likely to be the Koch brothers and think that you shouldn't pay taxes on things. I think it's just a question of where you come from."

New looks

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Matt Damon
On what he looks like in different roles

SCENE

Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan being very careful at crafting post-rehab image

Lindsay Lohan is looking to turn over a new leaf post-rehab, and she's doing it in New York City. The troubled actress has reportedly been apartment hunting in SoHo, according to E! News.

"The goal is to have her sober coach live with her full-time," a source says.

Her L.A.-based sober living coach — described by sources as "really fun" but "very strict" — would have to relocate to stay with his high-profile client.

The two were intending to head off on a European vacation this week, but those plans have been postponed.

"(Lohan) doesn't think it is the right thing to do," the source explains. "She is being very smart about all this."

Johnny Depp

If a movie flops in the forest and no one saw it, does anyone care?

Johnny Depp has a theory of his own as to why The Lone Ranger fizzled at the box office: It's the critics' fault.

"I think the reviews were written seven to eight months before we released the film," Depp tells Variety.

"I think the reviews were written when they heard (director) Gore (Verbinski) and (producer) Jerry (Bruckheimer) and me were going to do The Lone Ranger. They had expectations that it must be a blockbuster. I didn't have any expectations of that. I never do."

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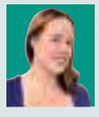
The Word

Usher's son nearly died in swimming accident



THE WORD
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Sad news today from Atlanta: Usher Raymond V, Usher's oldest son with ex-wife, Tameka Raymond, is in the ICU due to almost drowning in the singer's pool.

According to TMZ, the five-year-old dove into their pool to fish a toy caught in the drain, trapping his hand underwater.

His aunt immediately dove in but couldn't pull him out. A maid also dove in.

Finally, two men working on the house were able to pull him free and give him CPR.

Usher, who was not home at the time of the accident, was able to return home in time to ride in the ambulance with his son to the hospital.

This is the last thing the Raymond family needs. Tameka's oldest son, Kile, from a previous relationship, died last year from a jet ski accident.

Oprah Winfrey

Oprah muses on Deen's racism

Oprah Winfrey is finally speaking out about the controversy that enveloped Paula Deen after her past use of racist language had come to light.

"In the very first days I tried to reach her and then I decided to stay out of it as I saw it blowing up," Winfrey tells Entertainment Tonight. "In time she will be fine. For me, it all just felt kind of sad."

Winfrey herself admits she doesn't deal with such language firsthand much anymore.

"Nobody in their right mind is going to call me the N-word," she says. "It shows up for me if I'm in a boardroom or situations where I'm the only woman or I'm the only African-American person within a hundred mile radius. I can see in the energy of the people there, they don't sense that I should be holding one of those seats."

Halle Berry

Berry's baby bump limiting X-Men role

Next summer, if it looks like Halle Berry isn't on screen in X-Men: Days of Future Past as much as you'd like, blame her new baby.

"I wasn't in it as much as I was meant to be. (Pregnancy) kind of coloured what my involvement could be, which was why I was one of the first ones in and the first ones out," she tells Total Film. "My ever-growing belly was posing a constant challenge. What I could do was getting more limited, so the role I play is so different from what it could have been, due to my surprise pregnancy."

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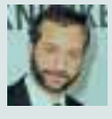

@JuddApatow
Feels like there is too much of everything. I kind of liked it better when there were seven channels and 9 wasn't a good one.

@chriscolfer
Oprah's hugs are magical! Best morning ever!!!

@oliviawilde
Has it really been 10 yrs since we soaped up tv screens with The OC? Jesus. Was that legal? I remember lots of bronzer and kissing.

Ski-phobe guide to Banff and Jasper

With ample powder coating runs and majestic snow-capped mountains in the periphery at every turn, powder hounds and ski bunnies flock to Alberta's vaunted National Parks. But you don't have to be into the white stuff to enjoy these Parks Canada jewels.

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Get up close and personal with a glacier

Sipping from a 400-year-old natural snow cone at the Columbia Icefield's Athabasca Glacier, one of the largest hydrological wonders south of the Arctic Circle, I feel more refreshed than every athlete in every Gatorade commercial ever made.

Journeying along the spectacular Icefields Parkway (a.k.a Highway 93 north) to the borderline of Banff and Jasper National Parks, get ready to step back in time and experience a glimpse of the last ice age when woolly mammoths stomped along the frozen tundra. Tours aboard massive 30-tonne Brewster Ice Explorers (think tricked out Greyhounds with monster truck tires) depart every 15 to 30 minutes from the Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre.

It's an 80-minute adventure and you'll spend a good chunk of that time roaming the icy expanse. While you can cup your hands to imbibe the glacier fresh melt-water, it's best to tote along your own canteen or flask to spare your fingers from turning blue.

Float along the Bow or Athabasca River

While experienced rafters might prefer to paddle, camera-clutching sightseers will likely opt for a float trip, the sweat free alternative. It is as relaxing as a Venetian gondola ride only with the added thrill of the occasional chilly splash of shimmering glacial-silt-laden waters. During my guided float down the Atha-B (as the cool kids call it), the guide jokes that if we take a spill into the cold stuff we better take someone overboard along with us because he only bothers rescuing two or more. While the ride down this Canadian Heritage river is as tame as a kiddy roller coaster, the scenery is eye-popping spectacular and it's easy to imagine that traversing this waterway must have been the biggest perk of being a fur trader back in the day.

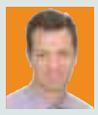
Skimming the river, the wild Rocky Mountain landscape unfolds with a cinematic effect. You can't help but gawk at the spruce tree flecked shoreline and mountains so beguiling they appear to be cribbed from the Paramount Pictures logo. The sheer beauty of the wild Rocky Mountain landscape comes alive from a river vantage.

Banff Springs Golf Club cart tour

You don't have to be the least bit curious about the type of grass used on the putting greens to appreciate this Stanley Thompson masterpiece. On the $25 cart tour you'll drive around the iconic Canadian track scoping out the rocky face of Mount Rundle and the tree covered slopes of Sulphur Mountain while your guide regales you with lore. Devil's Cauldron is a be-still-your-beating-heart-and-break-out-the-easel flagstick surrounded by sheer natural splendor. Featuring a glacial lake and rugged mountain backdrop, the spellbinding par-3 was shortlisted by Golf Magazine as one of the top 18 holes in the world. Another highlight is the horseshoe-shaped bunker on a hole known as The Goat, a sly wink by the designer telling golfers who have the misfortune of being forced to shoot over it, "Good luck." After taking in the sites, even novices will be itching to book a tee time. For experienced golfers looking for a challenge, the area is replete with top notch mountain courses including Jasper Park Lodge, Stewart Creek, and the Canmore Golf & Curling Club, to name a few. Canadianrockiesgolf.ca can set you up for a package deal.

Food

Good eats on the streets



ON THE MOVE
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New bylaws and health regulations governing the sale of street food in cities from Calgary to Montreal have made food trucks this summer's hottest dining trend. Celebrity chef Michael P. Clive recently shared his insights on this unique culinary experience.

Why do you think food trucks have become so popular?
It's TV. No one talked about food trucks before food shows started plugging them. A handful of people who thought food trucks were cool zoomed in on them.

So why have they remained popular?
Food trucks offer a 20 to 25 minute fun meal experience, not the one hour investment plus that a restaurant requires. And on a sunny day, people want to eat outside. People like to stand around, mill about, talking about their food. People like the diversity of food that's being offering in these food trucks.

Do you eat off food trucks when you travel?
If it's clean. I want to see what the chefs are strutting. I am intrigued with the low overhead (costs of the food truck). I want to see if they are putting more into the food.

How do you know if it's clean? If it's safe to eat there?
First of all if they are on the street you have to believe they are abiding by bylaws and regulations. But take your own eyeballs and have a look at cleanliness. I look for a place that is clean, polished and organized. Do they have a theme worked out with their decor? If they care about the overall appearance, that's a good sign.

Most major cities in Canada are on the food truck bandwagon. ISTOCK

Keep it classic with roasted chicken

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There's nothing like a wonderfully well cooked roasted chicken. To keep it moist, I like to stuff it with a grain like this orange dried apricot couscous and a velvety apricot glaze.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F spray a roasting pan with vegetable oil.

2. Apricot glaze: Combine all ingredients until well mixed.

3. Bring chicken stock to boil in saucepan; stir in couscous, cover and remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes; fluff with a fork. Add 3 tbsp apricot glaze, snow peas, carrots and apricots.

4. Loosely stuff chicken with some of the couscous. Place in roasting pan. Put remaining couscous stuffing in a casserole dish and cover. Set aside.

5. Brush whole chicken with some oil, salt and pepper and 2 tbsp of the apricot glaze. Bake for 1 hour, or until juices run clear when leg is pierced at thickest point or when temperature reaches 160 degrees F.

6. Put casserole with stuffing in oven for last 30 minutes of roasting time. Let chicken rest for 10 minutes before carving. Serve chicken with couscous and remaining glaze. **ROSE REISMAN'S ENLIGHTENED HOME COOKING (ROBERT ROSE) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 3 lb roasting chicken

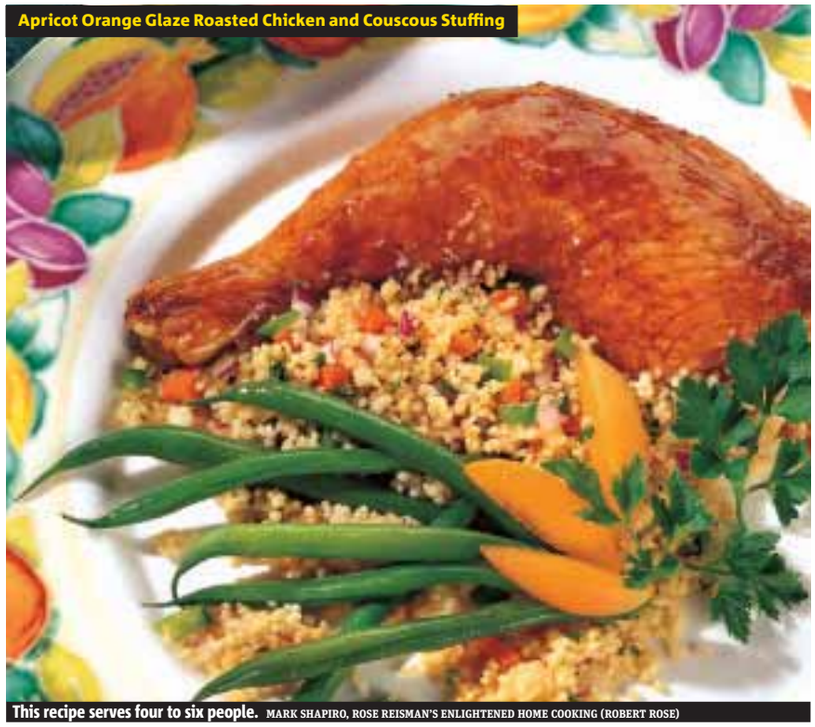
Apricot Glaze

- 3/4 cup apricot or peach jam
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 3 tbsp orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 tbsp soya sauce
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root

Couscous Stuffing

- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup couscous
- 1 cup finely chopped snow peas
- 1/2 cup each finely chopped carrots and dried apricots

Apricot Orange Glaze Roasted Chicken and Couscous Stuffing



This recipe serves four to six people. MARK SHAPIRO, ROSE REISMAN'S ENLIGHTENED HOME COOKING (ROBERT ROSE)

Drink of the Week

Hennessy Sweet Tea

Try this rich, new take on a classic way to cool down.

- 1.5 oz Hennessy V.S
- 0.5 oz Grand Marnier
- 2 oz unsweetened cold tea
- 1 oz simple syrup
- 0.5 oz fresh lemon juice
- Garnish with a twist of orange

Add all liquids into a shaker tin with ice and shake until well chilled. Strain into a Collins glass over fresh ice and garnish with an orange twist.

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One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock, stop

Asleep on the job?
There are plenty of ways to avoid getting tired toward the end of your work day

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It's ironic that your energy drops most noticeably when you're at work, exactly when you need to be alert and focused. Fortunately, there are a few handy strategies that you can use to keep yourself from hitting a wall in the middle of the day.

Watch what you're snacking on

Cookies, chips, doughnuts, basically anything that is satisfying a sugar or carb craving is also going to give you a big sugar hangover later in the day.

If you want to fight off hunger, then high-protein foods are the key to staying awake and alert until you get home.

Snack on things like fruit, veggies, hummus, cheese and keep processed and sugary foods for the weekend, when you can indulge and then enjoy the nap that will inevitably follow.

Supplementing an already healthy diet with vitamins such as vitamin B and iron can also help keep you awake throughout the day.

Hydrate

If you find that hunger is making you crave the sweet stuff then try drinking instead of eating. No coffee or soda, just water. Good old H20 can be a good way of a) waking you up and b) filling you up. Research shows that if your body has just two per cent less water than it needs then you'll feel fatigued.

Take a break

Not taking a sufficient break at lunch time can also mean a bigger crash in the afternoon.

If you're constantly working at a computer then the screen can exhaust your eyes, making you feel more tired than you actually are. Giving your eyes a 20 second break from your computer screen every 20 minutes is a good rule of thumb. Also, make good use of your lunch hour. If the weather is good eat your lunch outside or go for a walk or a run. It's a great chance to clear your head and get some exercise in if you can.

Check out your sleep habits

If you're following these tips already and you're still hitting the wall then ask yourself, are you getting enough sleep? The average person needs anywhere between Seven and 10 hours of sleep a night. If you're cutting corners here, it may be time to stop. Count how many hours you're getting each night and decide if you maybe need to rethink your sleep schedule.

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NHL

Horvat signs deal with Canucks

The Vancouver Canucks signed their top 2013 draft pick and former London Knight Bo Horvat to an entry-level contract Monday.

Horvat, an 18-year-old Rodney native, was selected ninth overall after the Canucks traded goaltender Cory Schneider to the New Jersey Devils for the pick. The Knights captain also led the OHL in playoff scoring with 16 goals and seven assists.

Horvat, a six-foot, 206-pound centre, has also represented Canada at the 2012 under-18 Ivan Hlinka Memorial tournament and captained Team Ontario at the 2012 under-17 World Hockey Challenge.

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MLB

A-Rod's return a victory for YES

Alex Rodriguez's return had an immediate impact for the New York Yankees — on the team's television network.

A-Rod's first MLB game in 2013 drew the YES Network's highest rating this year for a Yankees game, an 8-1 loss at the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

YES said the game had a 4.34 rating and averaged 393,000 viewers. The previous high was 4.16 rating for a 2-1 loss to the Mets on May 27.

Earlier Monday, Rodriguez was given a 211-game suspension through the 2014 season for violations of its drug agreement and labour contract.

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More to Ticats story than meets the eye

CFL. Agreement to play in London fell apart when Western admin got involved, source says

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The Ticats take the field for a pre-season game against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Alumni Stadium on June 20 in Guelph. BARRY GRAY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats came closer to calling London home this season than earlier reports indicated.

The CFL franchise, needing a temporary site this season while the former Ivor Wynne Stadium is rebuilt into Tim Hortons Field, opted for the University of Guelph's newly renovated Alumni Stadium over Western's TD Waterhouse Stadium.

That move came despite the fact two key players at Western held strong Hamilton ties at both the professional and university-football level and both would've loved to have the Ticats play this CFL season in London.

"We could have worked a lot harder (to get the Ticats)," one senior Western official told Metro on Tuesday.

In 2009, Therese Quigley was named Western's director of sports and recreation services after an 18-year career at McMaster University in Hamilton. Western's head football coach, Greg Marshall, was head coach of the Ticats for two seasons after eight years as head coach at McMaster.

Quigley and Marshall were heavily involved in working out a deal for the Ticats to come to the Forest City. Several reports said the deal failed only when senior Western administration became involved.

"That's accurate," the same Western official confirmed.

One report said senior administration wanted a "million dollars" to OK the transaction.

Quigley said the reason the Ticats opted for Guelph was a "geographic priority."

"The Ticats didn't want to lose their season-ticket base," Quigley said. "They minimized that by staying close. The Guelph location was something we couldn't compete with."

Marshall could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Ticats president Scott Mitchell said Guelph has worked out well and the team is happy with the decision. The Ticats will play nine home games in Guelph and one in Moncton, N.B. Practices are held at McMaster.

"It's been a good atmosphere and a good experience for our fans," Mitchell said.

The Ticats, 2-4 this season, have averaged 13,000 fans at their "home" games.

Mitchell confirmed Quigley and Marshall were great to work with, but the Guelph administration "rolled out the red carpet" in the negotiations.

"(The Guelph administration) really wanted to make this happen," Mitchell said.

As part of the deal the Ticats have agreed to leave a legacy, amounting to $450,000 for athletics at Guelph.

Mitchell said Western remains in the running to hold next season's Ticats training camp as the team plans to move around the province each year.

Canadian men riding high at Rogers Cup

It was a huge day for Canada at the men's Rogers Cup in Montreal.

Filip Peliwo, Frank Dancevic, Vasek Pospisil and Milos Raonic all pulled off three-set victories on Tuesday to advance to the second round of the $3.49-million US event.

With Jesse Levine of Ottawa's win on Monday, it put five Canadians into the second round.

The last time Canada had even three in the second round of the event that was once called the Canadian Open was in 1993.

"It's amazing," said Dancevic, who downed Lu Yen-Hsun of Taiwan 5-7, 7-6 (6), 6-1. "It's a Masters series event and pretty much everyone you play here is at a high level, ranked in the top 50, so to have (five) guys through the first round shows a lot about how far Canadian tennis has come along."

The 13th-seeded Raonic of Thornhill, Ont., took out Frenchman Jeremy Chardy 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in the evening.

It was a first win in an ATP event this year for Dancevic, who has been doing well of late in lower-level tournaments.

Peliwo, who became the first Canadian male to win a junior grand-slam event at Wimbledon in 2012, staved off a match point with what he called a "lucky" shot at the net for a 3-6, 7-5, 3-1 win over 39th-ranked Jarkko Nieminen.

The Finnish left-hander was forced to retire in the third set with a hamstring injury.

Pospisil upset one of the hottest players on the ATP Tour as he outlasted 20th-ranked American John Isner 5-7, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Up-and-coming Canuck

"It's definitely the best feeling I've had in a while. It's such a big win for me."

19-year-old Vancouver native Filip Peliwo, who beat Finland's Jarkko Nieminen at the Rogers Cup.

Vancouver's Filip Peliwo
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The 2014 Cadillac CTS

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2014 Cadillac CTS

- **Type.** Four-door, rear- /all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (272); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (321) or (420)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed (std) and eight-speed (twin-turbo)
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $52,500

Sophisticated new lights

Technology

The options list is a lengthy one and includes a 12-inch high-resolution display monitor for operating the infotainment, phone and climate controls. There's also a spoil-you-rotten electronically locking glove box and a power-operated cupholder lid for the centre console.

Fuel Economy

Best of all, perhaps, is the twin turbo V6's 11.6 l/100 km city/7.6 highway fuel numbers that outdo the CTS-V's rating. By comparison, the 2.0-litre turbo CTS is pegged at 10.5/6.6.

Design

With its elongated nose and lower profile, the finished design is much more exotic-looking than before, while maintaining Cadillac's knife-edge design cues. The grille maintains its familiar egg-crate shape, but the side air intakes have been enlarged and the fender edges are now trimmed in a row of LED running lights.

Review. Cadillac's mid size sedan lightens up, powers up and grows up

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Cadillac's head-to-head battle with German and Japanese rivals is nothing short of audacious and with the re-energized 2014 CTS joining in, the brand continues to gain newfound respect.

The third-generation CTS joins the new compact ATS and full-size XTS in a constantly evolving lineup and will soon be joined by the electric-powered ELR coupe that will employ a similar powertrain to the Chevrolet Volt. The speed at which these new models are coming to market is dizzying to say the least.

The CTS is being repositioned as a larger model with 13 centimetres in added length and about 2.5 centimetres more between the front and rear wheels. Despite these increases, the CTS's base weight is about 115 kilograms less than the 2013 edition and, according to Cadillac, is now 90 kilograms less than a BMW 528i. Contributing to the reduction is a greater use of aluminum in the manufacturing process, including the door structures.

The interior is equally modern and can be trimmed in seven different material combinations, including genuine wood, carbon fibre and aluminum along with cloth and two grades of leather seat coverings. However it's under the hood where the CTS also displays a flair for the dramatic. The choices include a 3.6-litre V6 that produces 321 horsepower and 275 pound-feet of torque. Also available is a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder rated at 272 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque.

The star of the show is a twin-turbocharged version of the V6 that puts out 420 horsepower and 430 pound-feet of torque. This unique-to-Cadillac powerplant anchors the CTS V-Sport (it's also used in the larger XTS), which is the successor to the hotrod CTS-V sedan.

Cadillac interiors have come a long way in a very short time with regard to fit, finish and materials. It had to keep pace with its rivals. You can choose real wood, carbon fibre or aluminum trim.

A six-speed automatic transmission comes with the turbo four-cylinder and the base V6 with all-wheel-drive. The rear-wheel-drive V6 and rear-drive-only twin-turbo V6 each run with an all-new eight-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters.

The twin-turbo V6 hits 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) in an impressive 4.6 seconds, which isn't quite CTS-V territory (a claimed 3.9 seconds), but it should prove quick enough to satisfy most Cadillac owners.

Optionally, you can expect plenty of electronic safety systems and alerts as well as magnetic ride control that constantly monitors road conditions and driving style to provide a comfortable and stable ride. Take a walk around the new CTS and it's obvious that Cadillac is intent on keeping the car as fresh and relevant as possible, and in tune with buyer expectations.

Compare

1 Lexus GS 350
Base price: $53,900

2 Audi A6
Base price: $54,500

3 BMW 528i
Base price: $56,500

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A parting of the ways may be necessary but you know it's for the best. You have important things to do, especially in your career, and you cannot allow personal feelings to come between you and success.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It is important that you think only positive thoughts over the next 24 hours. You have such a strong imagination that if you let negative ideas take hold, they could easily become your reality. Don't let that happen.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't waste time worrying about things that will probably never happen. The more time you spend fretting over minor matters, the less time you have to enjoy yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may want to be critical of someone today but if you are smart you will bite your lip and say something nice instead. You have got to work with this person over the long-term, so don't start a feud.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something you have been asked to get involved with may look complicated but it's actually simple. Give it a go and before you know it, you will be the resident expert. Others will admire your dynamism.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It does not hurt to be careful but there is a fine line between caution and suspicion and if you cross it today, you may find it hard to cross back again.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be tempted to tackle several things at once today but if you are smart you will take your time and take on one task at a time. That way, at least you'll get one thing finished.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some people may tell you a job has to be done the way it has always been done in the past. But follow your instincts if they tell you something different.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have to do something you don't enjoy but don't complain. If nothing else, it will make you realize how fortunate you are that you don't have to do this sort of thing each day of your life.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you are not in the mood to do anything serious today, you must let those around you know at the earliest opportunity. Otherwise, they will load you up with tasks that you don't care about.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today, you may briefly wish you were somewhere else and doing something less challenging. But, once you get into what you are expected to do you will enjoy it immensely.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A sudden attraction is likely over the next 24 hours but if you are wise you will keep it on a fun and friendly level. If you let your passions rage, you could end up making promises you don't want to keep.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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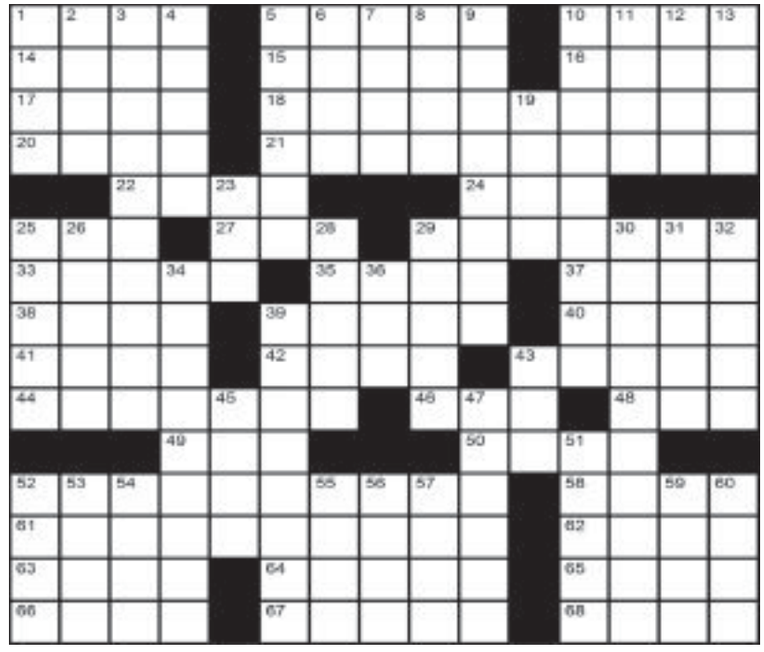
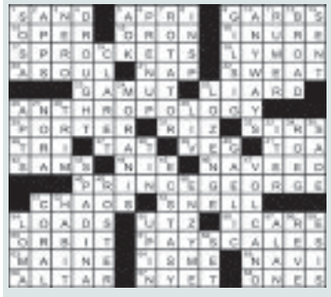


Across
1. Zigs pals
5. Closes
10. Dollop
14. Earthen pot type
15. TV series creator Mr. Sorkin
16. River to the Ubangi
17. Don't upset the Sergeant
18. 1942 WWII-set drama starring Greer Garson and #44-Across: 2 wds.
20. Lacking
21. At-home holiday
22. __ contendere (Court plea)
24. Car company
25. Lettered insurance co.
27. "Go on..."
29. ATV = All-__ Vehicle
33. Haze/pollution mixtures
35. Give the hoodlum a hand
37. Latin pronoun
38. Bull: Prefix
39. Iron
40. Pepper's partner
41. Heraldic border
42. Be part of a mob
43. Scatter
44. Saint John-born actor, Walter __
46. Tibetan ox
48. "The A-Team" star, __. _
49. Aug., Sept., __....
50. "__'Rent Strokes" (Sitcom)
52. Warmed too much
58. Feudal fellow
61. _._. __ (Weyburn, SK-born author of 1947 novel Who Has Seen the Wind)
62. Region
63. Director Mr. Kazan
64. Deed
65. Wound's remnant
66. Actress Laura
67. War horse
68. "Take this..."

Down
1. Animal attractions
2. Actress Jessica
3. Canadian classical pianist/broadcaster: 2 wds.
4. Authorization
5. Biblical hair guy
6. Rodgers and __ (Broadway composers)
7. Constellation bear
8. "Skip, skip, skip __ Lou...": 2 wds.
9. "Lemony __ A Series of Unfortunate Events" (2004)
10. Randy Bachman, for one
11. Actor, Zachary __
12. Margarine
13. City in Switzerland [var. sp.]
19. "CBC News Now with Reshmi __"
23. __ Cruces, New Mexico
25. Put _ __ to (Halt)
26. Porcelain piece of Japan
28. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby
29. Petulant
30. Home security systems company based in Toronto
31. More maladied
32. __ __. (Food packaging meas.)
34. Chant for music-making monks
36. Q. "Alphabet's 15 letter...?" A. "That would __ _."
39. Defends
43. Jet __ (Beach watercraft)
45. Genuine
47. Perplexed
51. USB __ drive
52. Due
53. Mouse-like critter
54. Gulf leader [var. sp.]
55. Take _ __ (Be setback)
56. Head: French
57. Canadian plus-size clothing chain, Addition __
59. Raise
60. Challenge

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	9	1	2	6	8	7	3
7	1	8	5	9	3	4	2	6
2	3	6	7	4	8	1	9	5
1	2	3	8	5	9	6	4	7
9	6	4	2	3	7	5	8	1
8	5	7	4	6	1	9	3	2
6	9	2	3	1	4	7	5	8
4	8	5	6	7	2	3	1	9
3	7	1	9	8	5	2	6	4

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